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FLAT-PANEL DISPLAY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002  
(Paper No. 7) in regard to the above-identified patent  
application. Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the following claim(s) as rewritten below:

1. (Four Times Amended) A light pipe comprising:

a first surface, said surface including patterns having  
diffractive properties for coupling light out from the  
light pipe to provide backlighting of a flat-panel display  
by means of at least one light source, said patterns

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